

Rep. Jason Shaw R-176

Biography

Rep. James S. "Jason" Shaw Jr. has dutifully and faithfully represented Georgia House District 176 (Atkinson, Lanier, Lowndes and Ware counties) since his election in 2010 and re-election in 2012. Rep. Shaw lives in Lakeland with his wife Katy Miller Shaw, from Valdosta, and their children, Anne Harvey Shaw and Slaton Shaw.

Rep. Shaw serves as chairman of the Georgia Legislative Rural Caucus, a bipartisan group that takes a leading role in issues and legislation that impact agriculture, natural resources and the needs of the state's rural communities.

He also serves as vice chairman of the House Insurance Committee and as a member of the House Economic Development & Tourism Committee; House Game, Fish & Parks Committee; and House Small Business Development Committee.

Rep. Shaw earned a Bachelor's in degree political science from the University of Georgia and is also a graduate of the Leadership Georgia class of 2004, the Leadership Lanier class of 2003 and the J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership class of 2000. In 2011, he was recognized by *Georgia Trend* magazine's list of "40 under 40" list of young Georgia leaders in business and government.

Rep. Shaw maintains a dedication to community service. He served as President of the Lakeland/Lanier County Chamber of Commerce in 2006 and the Lanier County Lions Club in 2001, and he is also a past Director of the Greater Valdosta Area United Way and a past Trustee of the Valdosta Technical College Foundation. Currently, Rep. Shaw serves as Finance Chairman at Unity United Methodist Church in Lakeland and as a Director of many organizations, including the Professional Insurance Agents Association of Georgia, Southern Financial Systems, the South Regional Joint Development Authority and the Georgia Olive Growers Association and the American Olive Oil Producers Association.

Rep. Shaw is the owner of Shaw Insurance Services Inc. and a partner of Georgia Olive Farms Inc., both of Lakeland.

In addition to his public service, professional and civic responsibilities, Rep. Shaw enjoys spending time with his wife and children as well as outdoor activities, including hunting, fishing and golf.